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Suffolk Votes to Wash Free of Microbeads



Photo: Shortly after a vote by the Suffolk County Legislature to phase out the sale of personal care products containing microbeads in Suffolk County, Legislator Kara Hahn (center), experts and advocates discussed the benefits the ban will have on water quality, marine life and public health.

A very small culprit that is causing big environmental concerns will soon be brought down to size in Suffolk. The Legislature has unanimously approved a local law I sponsored to prohibit the sale of personal care products containing microbeads, the small plastic exfoliating particle additives that pose a risk to aquatic and human food supplies and have been linked to marine die offs.

Typically smaller than 1 millimeter in diameter, microbeads are not filtered out by most wastewater treatment systems, leading to their eventual discharge into the surface waters. Once released the beads soak up pesticides and chemicals while flowing from their source. Due to their tiny size, after discharge, the now toxin laden particles are mistaken for food by small fish and other aquatic species, who consume and absorb the contaminants. Once in the system, these pollutants are recycled from smaller organisms to larger ones and eventually into the human food supply through consumption of contaminated organisms.

United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman both praised my bill and its passage. County Executive Steve Bellone is expected to sign the bill in the coming week.

Long Envisioned Trail Opens at Forsythe Meadow County Park



This summer, I helped cut the ribbon on a nearly two decade long community vision for a nature trail in Stony Brook. It was nearly 17 years ago when a coalition of civic and community groups first envisioned a park and trail on what was slated to become a 40 lot subdivision in Stony Brook. Now, through the hard work of a committed community and the partnership of Suffolk County, this Park and the 1.2 mile trail originally imagined has been realized.



The ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by approximately 40 of the original residents who led the preservation fight and the trail stands as a testament to their resolve. Without their unwavering strength, and a County extremely supportive of this effort, "Stony Brook's Last Forest" as it is known, would have been lost along with the unspoiled beauty embodied within.

Now that the crisp days of fall are upon us, I encourage you to visit Forsythe Meadow County Park and its Nora Bredes Preserve. The Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Please be courteous to the Park's neighbors and do not to park on the shared driveway or explore areas outside of the Preserve. If space is unavailable within the designated area, please return to Hollow Road for on-street parking.

Clean and Green – New Proposal Will Help You Decide Both

I have sponsored a bill that, if approved, will help consumers better understand their drycleaner's chemical use and what impact that method may have on our health and the environment. Under the proposal, the Department of Health Services (DHS) will analyze solvents used by dry cleaning establishments and rate them from least to most harmful. Then,



utilizing a color-coded sign to be designed by DHS, all drycleaners in Suffolk will be given a poster for public display which lists the type of chemical(s) used and how hazardous its usage is to public health and the environment.

A public hearing on the bill is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 2:30PM in Hauppauge.

Community Calendar

Have fun while helping your neighbors!

Wings of Hope

Ceremonial release of birds with attached messages symbolizing hope in the fight against breast cancer.

Fri, Oct. 16, 2015 • 11AM

Stony Brook Village Green • Stony Brook



Walk for Beauty, Hercules on the Harbor 10K and 4K Color Splash

Walk or run through historic Stony Brook to raise money for a great cause. Proceeds will support the Stony Brook Hospital Cancer Research Center.

Sun, Oct. 25, 2015 • 9:15, 9:30 & 9:35 Kick-offs

Stony Brook Village Center • Stony Brook

Event Specific Information:

[Walk of Beauty](#)

[4K Color Splash](#)

[Hercules on the Harbor 10K](#)



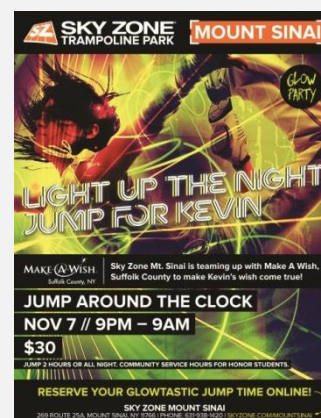
Light Up the Night Jump for Kevin

Jump Around the Clock!

Sky Zone Mt. Sinai is teaming up with Make A Wish of Suffolk County to give Kevin, a 14-year-old boy with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, his wish of going to Disney with his family.

Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 • 9PM through 9AM

Sky Zone Mt. Sinai • 269 Route 25A • Mt. Sinai



Around Town

Painting Port Pink



Through the month of October, I will be teaming up with John T. Mather Memorial Hospital and the Village of Port Jefferson to "Paint Port Pink" in an effort to raise awareness, share information and educate the community on breast cancer. My Main Street district office is also participating in this event.

Recycling for Sunshine



I recently partnered with local elementary schools to collect deposit bottles and cans to support the Sunshine Prevention Center's programs. Located in Port Jefferson Station, [the Sunshine Prevention Center](#) offers substance abuse and violence prevention programs for children and young adults.

Giving an Update at Jefferson's Ferry



I was invited to offer an update on County government during a public affairs meeting held at Jefferson's Ferry in South Setauket. I had the privilege of speaking to residents of this vibrant community for nearly an hour on recent legislative achievements and pending initiatives.

Breaking Ground on the Future



I joined with Suffolk County Community College in breaking ground on a new 25,000 square foot Renewable Energy and STEM Center. Once completed, the net zero energy building will house customized laboratories that will educate and train the next generation of leaders in the energy, nano-particle and transportation industries.

Stony Brook Resident to Serve on Women's Advisory Board



I recently swore in Dr. Elisabeth Zamarelli of Stony Brook to serve as the Fifth Legislative District's appointee to the Women's Advisory Board. Dr. Zamarelli, a

Getting Wet While Doing a Little Fall Cleaning



Hurricane Joaquin may have headed out to sea, but it still pushed rain and wind our way during the Annual Greening of 25A Fall Clean-up at the Stony Brook

former special education teacher, also serves with numerous social, community and civic associations.

Railroad Station. We were not deterred! Thank you to everyone who came out in spite of the nasty weather.



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